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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Date: October 5, 2001

Cromer, et al.

Serial No.: 09/282,893

Group Art Unit: 2682

Filed: Mar. 31, 1999

Examiner: Banks-Harold, M..

For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING PROTECTION AGAINST THEFT AND LOSS OF A PORTABLE COMPUTER SYSTEM**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

NOTICE OF APPEAL OF DECISION OF THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES UNDER 37 CFR 1.191

Sir:

In the Final Office Action dated June 5, 2001, and the Advisory Action dated August 28, 2001, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-17. In response, Applicant hereby appeals to the Board the decision of the Primary Examiner. An Appellant's Brief will be filed in triplicate within two months of the date of this Notice.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of **\$310.00** to Deposit Account No. 50-0563 (IBM Corporation) for payment of Notice of Appeal filing fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(e). Additionally, a Petition for a one-month Extension of time and payment of appropriate fee is submitted herewith. If any unresolved issues remain, please contact applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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